

isolated.  
from my position, of course debarred from.  
What a sad thing is Darwin's death!  
Bentham I hear was, some months back,  
very infirm, & I fear this death will be  
a terrible blow to him, at his advanced  
age. It is emphatically one to science.

I hope the enclosed seeds may be not  
unacceptable. The <sup>pink-growing</sup> tree flowers when about  
10 ft. high, & the flowers are large &  
sulphur-coloured. It will of course require  
protection at Cambridge, but I think wd.  
stand the climate of Florida or Georgia  
quite well, for with us it is uninjured  
by a temp.° of 31° F.

If ever you have extra copies of your  
articles to spare, I hope you will send  
them me - they are always of interest.  
There is a paper of yours I have never  
succeeded in getting hold of, I think  
with reference to an article of mine on  
*Styropyrus latifolium*, Frisch. as the source  
of a vegetable - can you send me a  
copy? With all best wishes, I remain,  
my dear Dr. Gray, Most sincerely yours,  
W. H. H. H.

Whampoa, 25. June, 1882.



My dear Dr. Gray,

I received some  
3 1/2 months ago your letter of  
22. February, and, quite lately, the  
set of oaks you were so kind as to  
send me had been received from  
Kew. Some of these I of course possessed  
before, but there are several I had never  
had the opportunity of examining, and  
I take such an interest in the genus,  
& my collection of Asiatic sp. W. & C.  
is so extensive, that this is a very valuable  
contribution to my herbar., for which I beg  
to offer you my cordial thanks.

Your trip to Europe was no doubt an  
enjoyable as well as a fruitful one, but  
I am so very glad you are back again  
at yr. desk. As it is told me what a  
trouble you found about Aster, but he seemed  
to think you had got quite clear about

its divisions. But I did not suppose you  
would have had very serious  
difficulties with Solidago.

But compositae are dreadful!  
It is really heart-breaking to me, after  
finding Ternstroemia divided into nice little  
sections by Benthams, in the 'Geneva',  
to find see J. D. H., the joint <sup>equally</sup> responsible  
author, <sup>or editor</sup> declare in Fl. Br. Ind. that he  
can't trust any of these!

I do earnestly hope health and strength  
may be spared to you to get through  
with your flora, and that we may  
soon expect a further instalment. The  
earlier portions - according to the London  
leaf sequenced - must necessarily require  
the most extensive recasting - and I  
should expect & hope that the later  
families, which have been recently  
treated by more or less competent  
botanists, would give you comparatively  
little trouble.

You ask if I cannot send you the  
Chinese Leiodendron and Gymnocladus.  
The former I have never seen even a  
leaf of, & of the latter I received only  
two or three fruits & leaves, which  
I divided with Joseph Hooker.  
Novelties (real or supposed) I send,  
invariably, first to Kew & St. Petersburg,  
& I feel sure this is the wisest and  
best course to follow. But my friend  
F. W. Forbes has, to my deep sorrow,  
left China for good, & you will, I  
suppose soon see him at Cambridge,  
and he has two soap-trees, Gymnocladus  
& gleditschia, he thinks.

As to myself, I am far from strong  
or well, which is not surprising, as I have  
never been to England for 29 years! but,  
as the little très-à-part I think myself  
privileged to send you will show, - non  
semper dormito. Connected work I am